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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3- MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, such period shall, by default, expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

Status

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 3/01, Terminal Disclaimers
- ☐ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 3-8 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 3-8 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 1.7.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☒ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The terminal disclaimer has been entered and the finality has been removed.
2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 3-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cardinal et al (5799318) in view of Gudmundson et al (5907704).

4. Regarding claim 3, see Cardinal et al: the abstract, Figures 4, 5, 6, column 2 lines 37-64, column 3 lines 55-68 (note how an item may be a document or email message), column 5 lines 34-64, column 6 lines 50-68, column 10 lines 34-65 (note especially the launch icon discussions). This describes a graphical interactive system which accesses a desired document or email address. A desktop icon is displayed, and when selected launches a browser and accesses the document from its storage address. Cardinal et al do not go into the details that a web site is accessed (which accordingly means the web address is accessed), but do mention email and also mention linking a user object to a variety of computer resources of information. Furthermore, see

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Gudmundson et al: the abstract, Figure 3, 5, 6, 38(a-g), column 3 lines 1-20, column 7 lines 64-68, column 8 lines 20-30 and 39-60 (note the description of 'elements' and their linking function, as well as modifiers), column 10 lines 37-68, column 14 lines 8-30 (note how an element may be a graphic), and column 44 lines 24-55 (note the linking to a website). This shows how a website is accessed via a link to an object. It would have been obvious to a person with ordinary skill in the art to have a website accessed in Cardinal et al, in view of the linking in Gudmundson et al, because it would provide a convenient computer resource of information to be linked to an object, in a system that links resources of information to objects.

4. Regarding claim 4, the browser in Cardinal et al may be a separate application which is then accessed. Note this in Gudmundson et al as well that a separate specific browser is loaded up (column 44 lines 24-30).

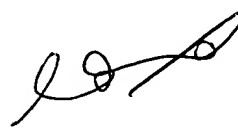
5. Regarding claim 5, note that Cardinal et al mentions documents being retrieved. The fact that they are retrieved from a network is obvious in view of the Gudmundson et al ability to access a website, as described above.

6. Regarding claims 6-8, these show the same features as above. In addition, note that Cardinal et al show the email feature as discussed above.

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Steve Sax, whose telephone number is (703) 305-9582. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F from 9:30 - 6:00 ET. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca, can be reached at (703) 308-3116.

8. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800.



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